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APPLICANT(S) : Ayachitula, et al.  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on February 1, 2007. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Brief Description of the Nature of Any Exhibit Shown or Any Demonstration Conducted:

None.

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

Claims 1 and 21 were discussed.

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Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed:

No prior art was discussed specifically.

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

The Examiner proposed amendments to independent claims 1 and 21 for purposes, according to the Examiner, of 35 U.S.C. § 101 wherein the abstraction layer in claim 1 is embodied on a computer-readable storage media, and the database in method claim 21 is embodied on a computer-readable storage media.

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

Applicants argued that 35 U.S.C. § 101 does not require the "embodied on a computer-readable storage media" language in claims 1 and 21.

General Indication of any other Pertinent Matters Discussed:

No other pertinent matters were discussed.

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

All claims were indicated as being allowable over the prior art including claims 1 and 21 after amendment thereto by way of Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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